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WELCOME TERP FANS

Welcome Terp Fans

Welcome to the University of Maryland and the University of Maryland Ice Hockey Team. The university is located on 1,500 rolling landscaped acres, but is just minutes away from the hear of the nation's capital. The federal agencies are close at hand for research, information, and internships. The College Park Metro links the campus to downtown Washington, Baltimore, and Virginia. The Terrapin Ice Hockey team plays at The Gardens Ice House, the premier ice skating facility on the East Coast.

The University of Maryland Campus and Team Information

The university and the ice hockey team both offer very competitive programs. The University is the flagship campus of the University of Maryland System and offers the greater opportunities than any university in the region. Maryland offers breadth and depth in fields of study; the university offers more facilities, larger libraries, richer resources and a more sophisticated range of student organizations than smaller schools., the ice hockey team being just one of them. 70 percent of the enrolled freshman's SAT scores range from 1130-1300. U.S. News and World Report ranked the University of Maryland's Business and Engineering Departments among the top twenty-five in the nation.

The 1997-1998 ice hockey team is represented by players from major junior and midget programs, all-state teams, prep schools and transfers from collegiate varsity teams. The team has moved into The Gardens Ice House, the new twin arena that is 10-minutes from campus. The team has a statewide political caucus, public relations firm, coaches, trainers, medical staff, faculty advisors and management staff.

The University of Maryland at College Park is proud of the caliber of its students and faculty. Bright students mean successful graduates, valuable degrees taught by a first-rate faculty. These factors advance an institution academically and advance our students intellectually, culturally, and socially. With more than 2,800 faculty and 98 majors Maryland has boundless alternatives for everyone. For exceptional students, the University Honors Program and College Park Scholars offer additional challenges. The Honors Program is ranked among the nine best in the country.

Tuition and Costs

College education costs have doubled in the past ten years, but public education has kept a lid on tuition. Compare tuition for a state resident - $4,200 a year at Maryland - to other competitive colleges in the region, at $8,000 to $12,000. Even at $10,300 for out-of-state students, Maryland represents a great comparative value. Compare scholarship opportunities, loan and grant aid, housing and dining costs. The truth is, Maryland represents a high quality education at a reasonable cost. Room and board cost each student an additional $5,700.

The University also offers a number of competitive, merit-based awards, including National Merit, National Achievement, Banneker/Key, Presidents, Regents, and Winslow scholarships.

Web Page

You can access additional invormation about the University of Maryland Ice Hockey Team by referring to our Web page at:
http://www.geol.umd.edu/~candela/terp.html

Second Annual Sports Gala and Auction

On September 26, 1997, the University of Maryland held its Third Annual Sports Gala and Auction. This year's event was held at Savage Mill in Savage Mill, Maryland.

A VIP corporate reception was held that invited special guests President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller , President of the Senate, Casper R. Taylor, Speaker of the House, and Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury. The University of Maryland Ice Hockey Team presented plaques to each of the guests as a momento of the event.

Fred Ryland, Esq. makes a bid on a silent auction item.

The "Gala" held at Savage Mill was attended by 200 guests. Guests were treated to great food and entertainment that included caricature artists, a strolling magician, and music from the voice of the Maryland Terrapins, Jim Hesch.

Delegate Jim Rosapepe, now the U.S. Ambassador to Romania.

With the help of many corporations, namely Snyders' of Hanover, Dick's Clothing and Sporting Goods, FRCH Design Worldwide, Andreas Construction, Proctor Silex/Hamilton Beach, the night was a success with

Kevin and Deb Roche enjoy one of the magician's tricks.

over $5,000 raised for the ice hockey program. Fifty-eight auction items were bought and numerous raffle tickets were sold. Auction items included tickets to sporting events, vacations, and hockey memorabilia.

Yvon Labre of the Washington Capitals.

The money raised during the evening will help contribute to toward meeting the $100,000 needed to fund the program annually. It is the goal of the program to remove all financial burden from the players and parents by having the hockey team fully-funded in the not too distant future and to one day see an on-campus ice arena.

The team would like to thank Mr. Gary Alexander, Esq., Mr. Gregory DesRoches, and Mr. Mark Taubenfeld for their help and support for making the event possible and for being such gracious hosts, and all of our special guests for making time to join in the event's festivities. The Sports Gala would not have been possible if not for their time, cooperation, and efforts.

Senate President Mike Miller and General Manager Paul Gentile talk about the future of Maryland Ice Hockey.

The team would like to thank the corporate and individual sponsors for this event and throughout the year including:

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Funding

Hockey is an expensive sport. It cost about $1,500 annually for each player's expenses. Ice time cost almost $200 hour. Travel, room and board, referees and association dues are other basic expenses. There are no salaries; the team is operated by volunteers.

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Student Government Association and Campus Recreation Services

The ice hockey team annually receives funding from student-based fees allocated towards the SGA and CRS. Each year the team must make application and attend meetings throughout the year in order to be recognized university organization and entitled to continued and future funding. Both organizations are instrumental to the continued success of the team. The team would like to thank the SGA and members of the Finance Committee for their continued support and, in particular, Shawn Flynn, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation, and all his staff for all their help.

University of Maryland Ice Hockey Legislative Conference

The University of Maryland Ice Hockey Legislative Conference was established in 1993 and has expanded from its original eight members to eighteen members. The Legislative Conference was formed to help the ice hockey program achieve its goals and objectives that include increasing funding for the team, establishes ice hockey as a fully funded varsity sport, and to help in the development of an on-campus facility. The ice hockey team was honored by the General Assembly at its February 16, 1995 session. A reception hosted by Gary Alexander, Esq. followed. The ice hockey team is grateful for their support. Members of the Legislative Conference include:

State Delegates/Senators

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The Gardens Ice House

The University of Maryland Ice Hockey Team is proud to be a member of the Gardens Ice House Family. The team has practices during the week at 9:00 p.m. Games are conveniently scheduled for the Friday or Saturdays at 8:15 p.m.

The Gardens Ice House is the premiere ice facility on the East Coast. The facility is an 82,000 square foot twin ice arena built at a cost of $7.1 million. The facility with an Olympic- and NHL-size ice surfaces has been designed to be an exciting year round recreational facility just minutes from the University of Maryland campus.

To build this elite facility, Top-Shelf Development has studied arenas throughout the country, in Canada and Europe over the past five years. They have used this knowledge to create the highest quality, most attractive, functional, and cost-effective recreational facility in the country. The two-story structure is decorated with banners of local teams and has a banner with naming all the team of the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association including the University of Maryland.

People have access to everything they need for an enjoyable visit or as an active participant: food, pro shop, ample size locker rooms (6 locker rooms plus two larger locker rooms) skate sharpening and rental, music, safety, laughter, or in the second floor library, a room to read, work, use a phone or fax machine, while sitting by a gas-operated fireplace. A fitness facility is also available. There is even special seating with back supports for University of Maryland games for parents and supporters. Players can safely store their equipment at the arena.

The team also sponsored a Crab Feast on June 8, 1997 at the Gardens Ice House.

The team would like to thank the arena's developer and manager Mr. Clai Carr and Mr. Thomas Hendrix for all their support for the team.

New Logo and New Uniforms

The team has designed a new logo and has incorporated that logo into a new uniform design. The logo design was done by David Chen with our own Chris Leonard, Cornerstone, and Paul Gentile supervising the redrafts. Chris Leonard has designed our player brochure for the past few years and has been invaluable about getting the word out about the Maryland Ice Hockey team.

With a team in a new facility it only stands to reason a new uniform should be in order. This will be our third set of jerseys in sixteen years. This logo has been incorporated onto our team jerseys, tee-shirts, hats, polo- and sweat-shirts, and warm-up suits. If you desire to buy one of these items, please send your order to Paul Gentile, General Manager, 16409 Bond Mill Road, Laurel, MD 20707 or visit our Web page.

Goalie Shep Baum displays both the old and the new jerseys at the live auction.

1997-1998 Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE
Sept 27	**Saturday**	**8:15**	**Jr. Capitals**	**The Gardens Ice House**
Oct 3	**Friday**	**8:15**	**Liberty University**	**The Gardens Ice House**
Oct 5	Sunday	1:45	Jr. Bandits	Abington, MD
Oct 17	**Friday**	**8:15**	**Rider College**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Oct 18	**Saturday**	**8:15**	**Duquesne Univ.**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Oct 24	**Friday**	**8:15**	**Towson State**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Oct 25	Saturday	5:25	Towson State	Baltimore, MD*
Oct 31	**Friday**	**8:15**	**Rutgers University**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Nov 1	**Saturday**	**8:15**	**Hofstra University**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Nov 6	Thursday	5:00	U.S. Naval Acad.	Annapolis, MD*
Nov 7	**Friday**	**8:15**	**Lehigh University**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Nov 8	**Saturday**	**8:15**	**Scranton Univ.**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Nov 14	**Friday**	**8:15**	**West Chester Univ.**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Nov 15	Saturday	8:00	West Chester Univ.	West Chester, PA+
Nov 21	**Friday**	**8:15**	**West Virginia Univ.**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Nov 22	**Saturday**	**8:15**	**Drexel University**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Nov 29	Saturday	5/8	Potomac River Ice	Cumberland, MD+
Nov 30	Sunday	12/3	UM, Rutgers,WVA, Kent State	Cumberland, MD+
Dec 5	Friday	8:00	Univ. of Delaware	Newark, DE*
Dec 6	Saturday	7:00	IN Univ. of Penn.	Indiana, PA+

DATE	DAY	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE
Jan 9	Friday	9:30	West Vir. Univ.	Morgantown, WV*
Jan 10	Saturday	5:00	Duquesne Univ.	Pittsburgh, PA*
Jan 16	**Friday**	**8:15**	**University of VA**	**The Gardens Ice House+**
Jan 17	**Saturday**	**8:15**	**University of Pgh.**	**The Gardens Ice House+**
Jan 18	Sunday	5:00	Rutgers University	South Brunswick, NJ+
Jan 23	**Friday**	**8:15**	**U.S. Naval Acad.**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Jan 24	Saturday	5:00	Drexel University	Philadelphia, PA*
Jan 30	**Friday**	**8:00**	**Univ. of R.I.**	**The Gardens Ice House***
Jan 31	**Saturday**	**7:00**	**Ind. Univ. of PA**	**The Gardens Ice House+**
Feb 7	Saturday	1/4	Crabpot Tourn.	Annapolis, MD+
Feb 8	Sunday	12/3	UM, Navy, Buffalo,C.G.	Annapolis, MD+
Feb 13	Friday	8:00	Rider College	New Jersey+
Feb 14	Saturday	4:45	Lehigh University	Allentown, PA*
Feb 15	Sunday	2:30	Scranton Univ.	Allentown, PA+
Feb 20	Friday	5/8	ECHA Championship	Newark, DE*
Feb 21	Saturday	5/8	ECHA Championship	Newark, DE*
Feb 22	Sunday	2/5	ECHA Championship	Newark, DE*
Mar 4-	Wed. -	TBA	ACHA Championship	Ames, Iowa+
Mar 7	Sat.	TBA	ACHA Championship	Ames, Iowa+

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THE COACHING STAFF

The Coaching Staff

The coaching Staff continues to build a team through a nationwide recruiting program, comprehensively planned practice schedule, and off-ice conditioning. Coaches Brian Brynes and Stuart Ronaldson and the staff are not only made up of individuals who have played Division I-III or professional hockey, but also can teach and motivate players to achieve their highest potential. Quarterly review of grades, academic advisors and Sunday study halls help ensure that the college experience emphasizes academics for the student-athlete.

Coach Brian Byrnes

Going into his third year of coaching, Coach Brian Byrnes brings an aggressive style of hockey to the Maryland Team.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Brian's caliber working with our team," said General Manager Paul Gentile. "Brian played at a very high level of hockey throughout his playing career and now has the opportunity to share this knowledge. Brian is very intense and is a tremendous motivator of players. I am excited to have him working with us."

Brian grew up in Long Island and played for St. Mary's High School and the Suffolk Junior Royals. Brian was recruited by Coach Charlie Holt and played for the Division I UNiversity of New Hampshire Wildcats and was named to the ECAC All-Stars his junior and senior year. After receiving his B.A. in Business, Brian was signed and played for the NHL Boston Bruins. Brian also played for Moncton and Portland teams in the AHL and Milwaukee in the IHL.

Brian resides in Gaithersburg and is a project manager for Hitt Construction Company.

Stuart Ronaldson, Coach

Stuart is a new coach to Maryland this year with previous coaching experience at Dematha High School. Stuart brings to the team a no nonsense approach. Born and raised in Massachusetts played high school in Longmeadow and was a Massachusetts state all-star.

He presently lives in Silver Spring with his wife, Stephanie and works as processing department manager for University Mortgage Inc. in Chevy Chase.

Mike Hickey, Assistant Coach

Mike is a Maryland native that has been involved with various hockey teams in all age categories. Mike is responsible for player development. Mike lives in Laurel and works at the School for Contemporary Education in Laurel Maryland where he works with emotionally disturbed children.

Terry Laurin, Goalie Coach (no picture)

For the first time Maryland Goaltenders will have first class instruction from Terry Laurin. Terry brings to the team several years experience coaching goaltenders. Individual drills and work with goaltenders helps make practice time more meaningful.

Penny Lynch, Trainer

Ms. Lynch received here BA from Salisbury State University in Physical Education, Athletic Training and in COmmunication. She has been a hockey trainer for Dematha High School, Junior B Bandits, and for Salisbury State University. As a qualified trainer, Penny treats immediate injuries and plans for long term rehabilitation of them.

Philip Candela and Ken Rubin, Faculty Advisors

The team is further expanding into the university and is lucky to have two committed individuals to assist hockey players in their academic pursuits. These two professors who work in the Geology Department and Department of Human Development, respectively, bring vast experience in hockey as well as educators.

GM & Founder: Paul Gentile

The 1996-1997 season marks the eighteenth campaign for the University of Maryland Ice Hockey Team. Mr. Gentile has been there for all of them. Paul had been the head coach for the first nine years and has been general manager throughout. In 1986-87, Mr. Gentile guided the 8th ranked team to its first National Club Collegiate Championships in Fargo, North Dakota. In addition to his duties of General Manager, Mr. Gentile is also the Commissioner of the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association. Mr. Gentile together with the team's Legislative Conference, Cornerstone, the team's public relations firm, and other supporters were instrumental in developing the Gala and other fundraising activities.

Mr. Gentile played hockey as an amateur with the Long Island Gulls and the American University and professionally with the Toronto Maple Leafs Organization. Locally, he has referred and was Vice-President and Coach with the Capitol Boys Hockey Organization for five years.

Paul received his B.A. in Political Science and Urban Affairs and his M.P.A. in Health Care Administration from the American University.

Paul is a Mental Health and Addictions Planner for the Maryland Health Resources Planning Commission within the State Health Department, teaches health policy and management at the University of Maryland University College, and develops and manages real estate. Paul is a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Laurel and is a professional musician.

Mr. Gentile occasionally sees his hockey-widow wife, Kay, his five-year old daughter Jennifer-Rose, and his one-year old son Brendan Rhyss born on August 4, 1996. Paul would like to thank them for their support and understanding.

Lee Berlin: President

Lee is responsible with campus relations and liaison with the Student Government Association and with Campus Recreation Services. He is an invaluable part of the University of Maryland Ice Hockey program. Lee works with the budget, marketing, and finances. Lee will receive his business degree in accounting in December 1997.

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The Team

1997-1998 Terrapins

This year's team has representatives from the Junior Capitals, Devils, Flyers, Penguins, college transfers as well a major prep schools. This is a result of a nationwide recruiting program that reviews academic and hockey playing histories, scouting reports, and video-tape. Due to Maryland's high academic standards (average SAT 1150 - B Average), only select incoming freshman are chosen for Maryland. However, collegiate players that request transfer to Maryland require a 2.4 average.

You will notice that our players have diversified interests and experiences. This year's team represents 10 different undergraduate majors among almost 100 to choose from.

SHEPHERD BAUM

position GOALIE
class SOPH.
height 6'0"
weight 200
hometown NEW YORK, NY
major ENGINEERING

#1

JONATHON BIXBY

position FOR.
class JR.
height 5'10"
weight 190
hometown CROFTON,MD
major COMPUTER SCIENCE

#7

CHAD CUVO

position FOR.
class FRESH.
height 5'10"
weight 175
hometown ALLENTOWN, PA
major ENGINNERING

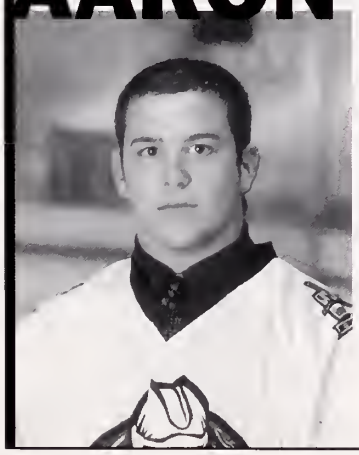
#16

WELF DIXON

position FOR.
class JUNIOR
height 6'0"
weight 150
hometown HANOVER, MD
major COMPUTER SCIENCE

#28

AARON ELLISON



position FOR.
class FRESH.
height 5''10
weight 185
hometown HARRINGTON PK.,NJ
major BUSINESS

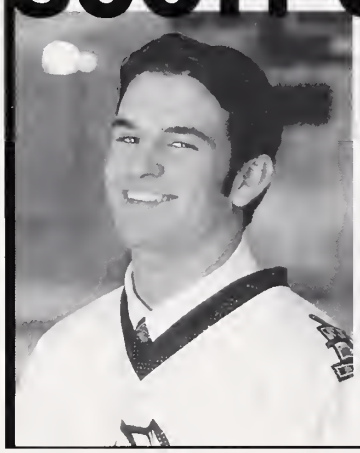
#15

JIM FRAZETTI

position FOR.
class SOPH.
height 5'10"
weight 165
hometown ARNOLD, MD"
major BUSINESS

#12

SCOTT GILLIGAN



position DEFENSE
class JR.
height 6'3"
weight 210
hometown FLEMINGTON, NJ
major CRIMINAL JUSTICE

#5

JOSH GOLDFARB

position FOR.
class FRESH.
height 5'11"
weight 220
hometown SPRINGFIELD,NJ
major BUSINESS

#8

JEFF KALOZ

position GOALIE
class JR.
height 6'1"
weight 200
hometown UPP. MARLBORO,MD
major FINANCE

31

MATT MCBEE

position FOR.
class SENIOR
height 5'7"
weight 165
hometown MANHASSET, NY
major CRIMINAL JUSTICE

27

KEVIN MCCORMICK

position GOALIE
class SENIOR
height 5'9"
weight 165
hometown ROBINSVILLE, NJ
major COMMUNICATIONS

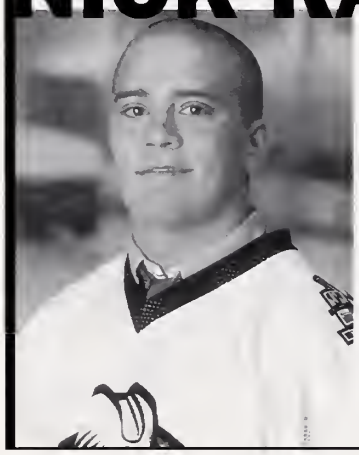
29

DUANE MOORE

position FOR.
class SENIOR
height 5'11'
weight 180
hometown PASADENA,MD
major BIOLOGICAL SCI.

#11

NICK RANALLO C



position DEFENSE
class SOPH.
height 5'10"
weight 185
hometown SAGAMORE HILLS,OH
major ECONOMICS

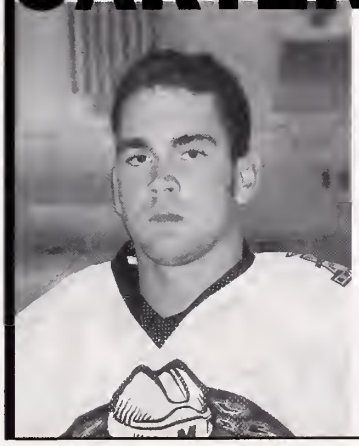
#26

JORY RAND

position FOR.
class SOPH.
height 5'9"
weight 165
hometown COLUMBIA, MD
major JOURNALISM

#25

CARTER REICH



position DEFENSE
class SOPH.
height 5'11"
weight 195
hometown MIDDLETOWN,NJ
major UNDECIDED

#2

BLAIR ROCHE

position FOR.
class FRESH.
height 6'3"
weight 180
hometown CINCINNATI,OH
major BUSINESS

#19

LOWELL SIMPSON

position DEFENSE
class SENIOR
height 6'2"
weight 225
hometown MERRICK, NY
major SOCIOLOGY

#33

MICHAEL WEISS[A]

position FOR.
class SOPH.
height 5'10"
weight 180
hometown ROCKVILLE, MD
major BUSINESS

#10

DAVE WILSON

position FOR.
class SOPH.
height 5'10"
weight 160
hometown BOWIE,MD
major FINANCE

#6

IN SUNG YOO

position GOALIE
class FRESH.
height 5'7"
weight 140
hometown ROCKVILLE, MD
major PRE-MED

#30

JOSEPH ZALIS

position	FOR.
class	FRESH.
height	5'11"
weight	155
hometown	ROCKVILLE,MD
major	BUSINESS

9

Awards

University of Maryland Ice Hockey 1996-1997

Most Valuable Player
Michael Weiss

Most Improved Player
Jon Vassil

Freshman Award
Jory Rand

George Mannion Award
Andrew Beyea

Best Defenseman
Nick Ranallo

Highest Grade Point Average
Jim Frazetti

General Manager Paul Gentile awards the Highest Grade Point Average award to Jim Frazetti (4.0).

General Manager Paul Gentile awards the the Most Valuable Player award to Michael Weiss.

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1996-1997 Statistics

Terrapin Season Statistics

#	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	PM
2	Andrew Beyea	27	0	0	0	18
3	Jesse Bain	20	0	1	1	0
4	Nick Ranallo	25	3	17	20	72
5	Scott Gilligan	29	2	6	8	139
7	Jonathon Bixby	25	0	0	0	2
9	Jason McBride	6	12	18	30	50
10	Michael Weiss	30	31	20	51	77
11	Rob Morino	14	2	5	7	14
12	Jim Frazetti	29	3	1	4	8
13	Chris Alperti	25	3	4	7	18
14	Kevin McCool	26	4	9	13	24
16	Jon Vassil	28	8	11	19	22
17	Keith Zervoulis	13	5	9	14	26
19	D. J. Bush	7	0	3	3	4
20	Dave Cervenka	29	9	8	17	29
21	Gerald Shukert	29	12	27	39	91
22	Jeff Brown	4	0	2	2	4
24	Rob Berstrom	13	0	0	0	0
25	Jory Rand	28	6	3	9	4
26	David Lunardini	14	6	9	15	16
27	Carl Slavis	20	0	0	0	0
27	Matt McBee	12	0	0	0	2
28	Welf Dixon	15	0	0	0	2
33	Lowell Simpson	28	7	8	15	113
Total			**107**	**155**	**262**	**733**

NO.	GOALIE	RECORD	SAVE %	GAA
29	Kevin McCormick	5-8-1	.82	7.40
34	Eric Allen	5-9-1	.84	6.65
1	Shepherd Baum	2-0-0	.90	3.69

Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHA)

Establish in 1991, the Eastern Collegiate Hockey Association (ECHA) is enjoying its seventh successful year of collegiate ice hockey competition and has grown from five to ten teams with further growth expected in the future. The ECHA is composed of ten teams from the University of Maryland, the U.S. Naval Academy, Towson State University (ranked 9th), University of Delaware (ranked 6th) , Lehigh University, Duquesne University, West Chester University, University of West Virginia and two new members the University of Rhode Island and Drexel University. With the growth of the ECHA, the league has divided into a Northern and Southern Division. Each team plays two-games (home/away) within the division and plays one league game (home or away) for a 13-game league schedule. Below are the league members in the northern and southern division.

North	**South**
University of Rhode Island	University of Maryland
Drexel University	Duquesne University
University of Delaware	U.S. Naval Academy
Lehigh University	West Virginia University
West Chester University	Towson State University

The U.S. Naval Academy has been the ECHA league champion for the first two years but in the last four years the University of Delaware, Towson State University, and again, the University of Delaware for the past two years has skated off with the championship. Due to the expanded league, a six-team championship playoff was played February 21 through February 23, 1997 at the University of Delaware.

For the past five years, five ECHA teams have been nationally ranked in the top-20 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division I-rankings. In 1998, it is expected several ECHA will compete at the ACHA national championships in Ames, Iowa. This year Towson State University and the University of Delaware represented the ECHA at the ACHA Tournament in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Each league member has access to quality facilities in or around its campus and has nationwide player recruiting programs. West Chester University plays this season in a new ice arena with three sheets of ice under one roof. Towson State is planning a new facility on campus; Drexel University plays at the Class of 23' rink, U.S. Naval Academy plays at beautiful Dahlgren Hall, while the University of Delaware will have

increased access to the newer "Blue Rink" on campus for the 1997-1998 season. The University of Maryland playes at a brand new facility, The Gardens Ice House, in Laurel in the 1996-1997 season . West Virginia University has now enclosed and improved their ice arena for the 1997-1998 season. University of Rhode Island is in the finally stages of developing a new ice arena for the 1998-1999 season.

A change in coaching will took place at the University of West Virginia with Ty Newberry replacing Brian Bonk. At the University of Maryland, Stuart Ronaldson and Brian Brynes will be the new co-coaches.

The ECHA rules manual requires each player to be a full-time undergraduate taking at a minimum 24-credits within a year and is the only ACHA league in the country where players must maintain minimum grade-point averages. The league has a Rules Committee to handle any disputes between teams during the season. The league also evaluates officials and has invited them to its meetings so better communication can take place between officials and the individual teams.

The league organizes the playoffs and provides trophies for: the regular-season champions in both the Northern and Southern Divisions, playoff winner, and runner-up. In addition, there will be a trophy awarded to the most valuable player in the tournament as well as a 12 placques naming the first and second team all -star.

The league submits and receives by weekly FAX all scoresheets and league results through the league statistician, A.J. Ruth, who compiles statistics for each team and league standings.

A team may dress no more than 21-players or 19 skaters and 2 goaltenders or 18 skaters and 3 goaltenders. Each ECHA contest consists of 3- 20-minute periods and plays under NCAA Mens' Ice Hockey Rules. Fighting is not tolerated and players who fight are automatically ejected from the game in which the incident occurred and the next league game.

For further information about the ECHA or to become a league sponsor, please contact Paul Gentile, ECHA Commissioner, 16409 Bond Mill Road, Laurel, MD 20707 (301)498-5813.

American Collegiate Hockey Association

THe ACHA is the parent organization teams not sponsored by their intercollegiate athletic departments. There are about 35 Dlvision I teams (of which Maryland is a member) that require full-time undergraduates, and another 90 Dlvision II team with lesser requirements. National and regional tournaments are held throughout the year.

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This team has always been about its members. We thank the many people, the sponsors, the parents, the wives, siblings, and many others who give countless hours of their time, unreasonable amounts of their money, and sacrifices from their lives to make the University of Maryland a successful team and organization.

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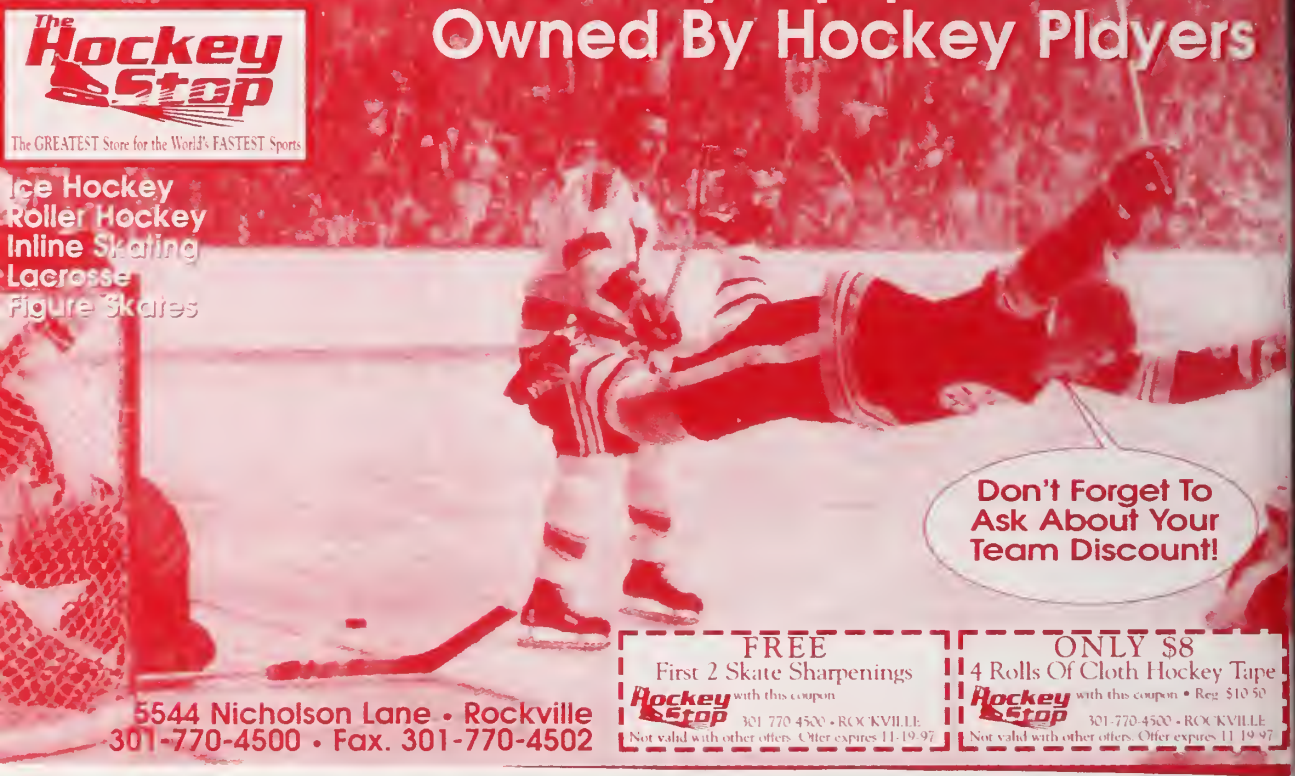

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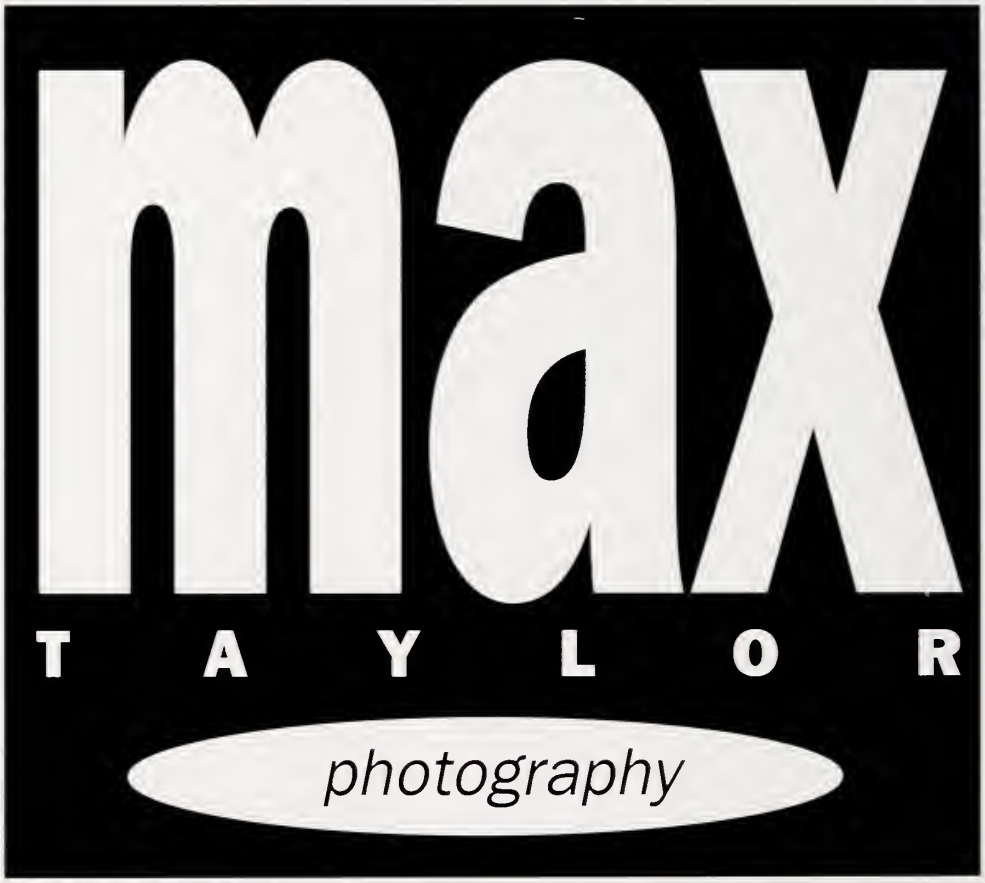

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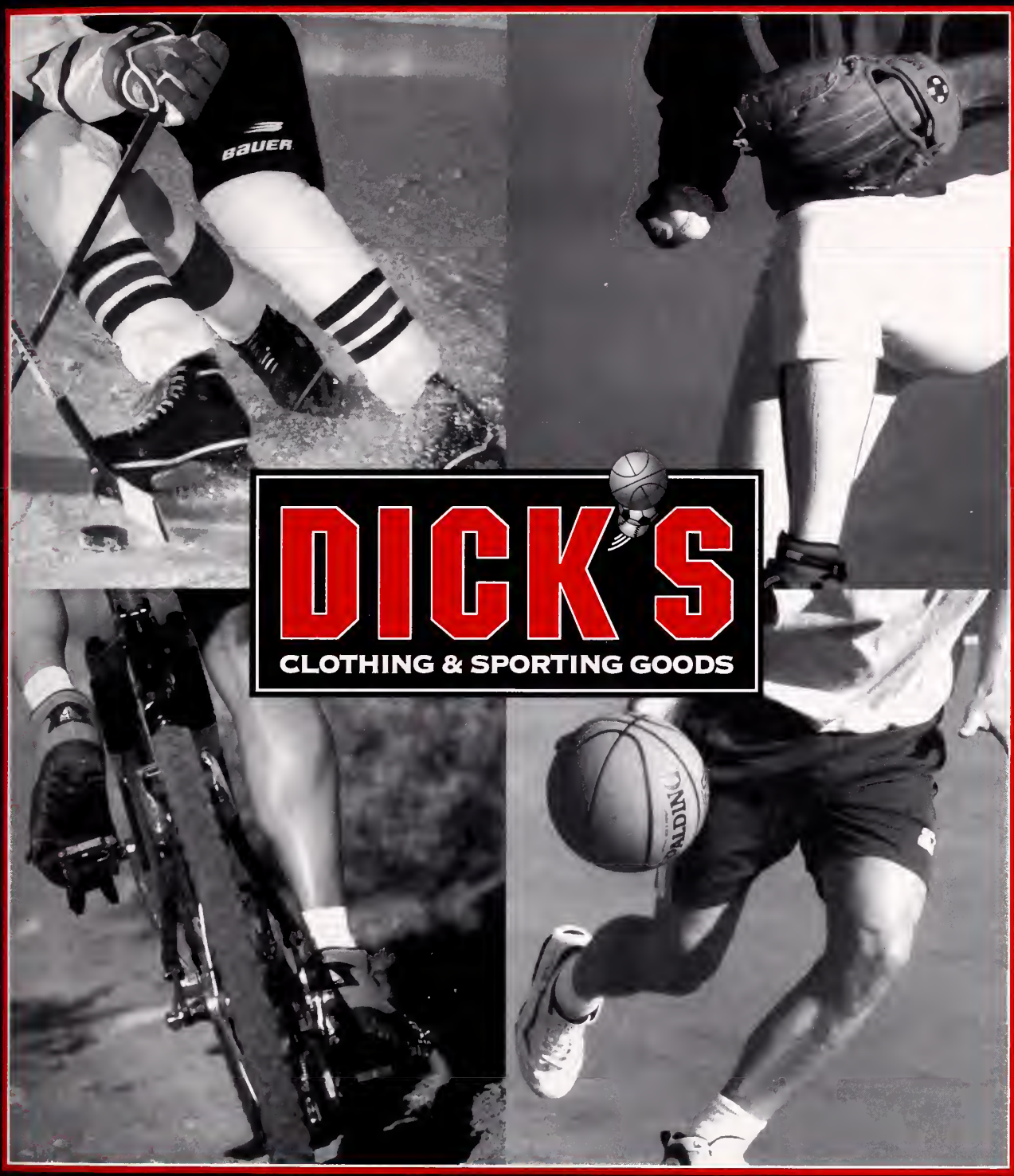

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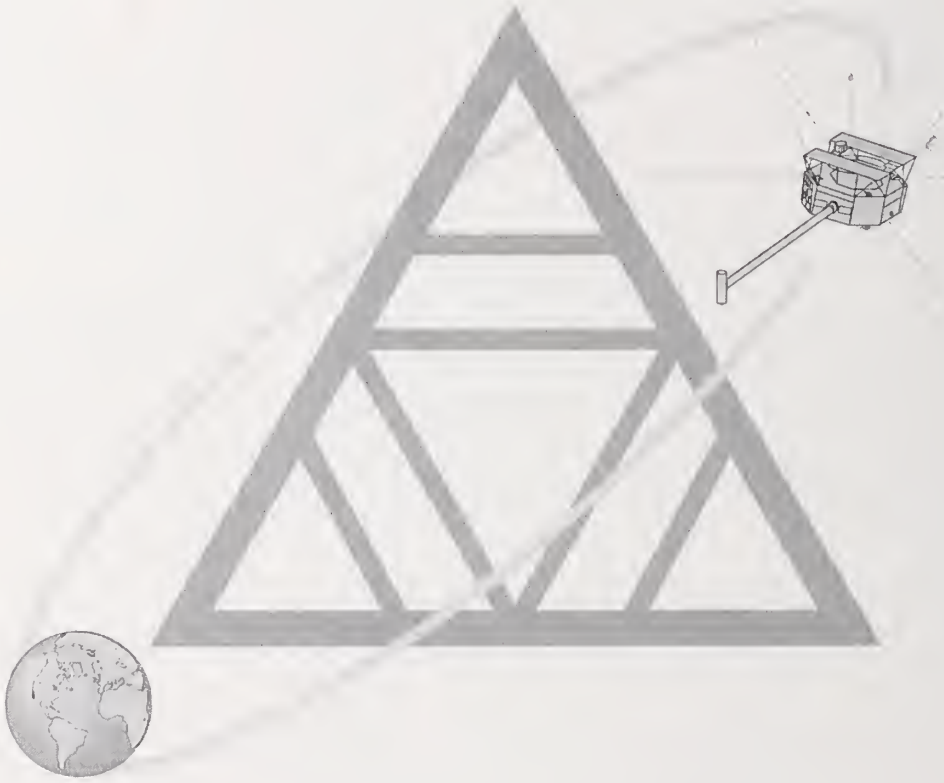

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